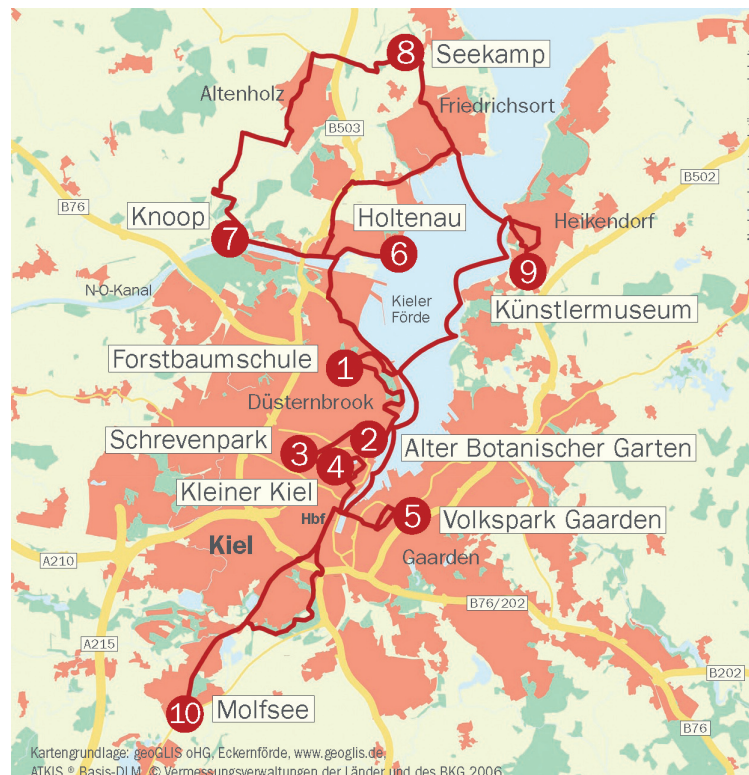




Trail 2 Kiel: A Picnic in the Green of the Fjord

In Kiel the proximity of the sea offers a tempting invitation to the visitor to stroll in the city's parks high above the water and to enjoy the wonderful views of the glistening blue fjord below. As early as the 18th century walkers, shaded by a parasol, would take a leisurely stroll through the Düsternbrooker Gehölz (Düsternbrook Wood) and the Forstbaumschule (Forest Tree Nursery). Armed with picnic hampers, shipyard workers in the 19th and early 20th centuries would take their fill of fresh air in what at the time were new parks.

A cycle route heading north follows the old towpath along the impressive Kiel Canal, past locks and through meadows to green oases and beyond. A ferry trip takes the visitor to the gardens of the artists Hans Kock and Heinrich Blunck in the peripheral area of Kiel. The charm of Schleswig-Holstein's countryside permeates the creative work of these two artists. The open-air museum in Molfsee offers an enjoyable sojourn through a cultural landscape, a sojourn to which one can devote an entire day.



The map shows the route of Trail 2: Kiel and Environs.

Gardens 1–5 are best explored on foot. Starting at the Central Station, the ferry takes the visitor to the Forstbaumschule and from there the path follows the fjord back to the train station. Length of the pedestrian trail: approximately 10.5 km. Gardens 6–9 are best enjoyed by bicycle in combination with the fjord ferry. Length of cycle route, excluding ferry trips departing from and returning to the Central Station: 22 km. It is worth devoting a whole day to an excursion to Molfsee. Distance from the Central Station: approximately 7 km.